

Town of Vernon
Vernon Traffic Authority

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Minutes

April 14, 2011

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Meeting called to order at 7:01 P.M.

Present: Chief Kenny, Jon Paul Roden, Charlie Bettinger, Ray Walker, Mason Thrall, Robert Kleinhans

Absent: None

Agenda Item 1: Minutes of the March 10,, 2011

Motion to accept the Minutes for the January 13, 2011 meeting was made by Robert Kleinhans and seconded by Ray Walker.

Ray Walker noted in the minutes that Naek Road was incorrectly spelled on the second page and that in the last paragraph aisle should be island. Chief Kenny added that was not approved by DOT should also be added to the last sentence.

Minutes with amendments approved by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 2: Request for no parking sign at 45 Eva Circle.

Resident Joyce Marino requested no parking sign as neighbors are parking on road across from her drive making it difficult to back out of driveway.

Discussion by members felt that roadway width was adequate for vehicles to back out of drive with vehicle legally parked across from driveway. Members did not want to set precedent by granting request as it would lead to numerous other requests for signs.

Motion to deny request made by Mason Thrall and seconded by Charlie Bettinger. Motion unanimously passed.

Agenda Item 3. Request by Jeffrey Arn, Vernon Housing Authority for consideration of making Court Street one way between Brooklyn Street and High Street.

Arn requested that the section of Court Street be designated as one-way to add on street parking for residents at Court House Towers, an elderly housing facility.

Councilman Brian Motola requested that an email he sent be read to the members in which he objected to the one-way proposal due to the negative impact on the residents of surrounding neighborhoods. Email was read to members.

Discussion with members found that the Chief Kenny hat on street 45 degree parking spaces would create a hazard due to being parked on a hill and either backing down or backing up into traffic. Also a site line issue would occur with vehicles turning from the one way section of High Street.

Robert Kleinhans indicated that the one way designation would adversely impact traffic on Brooklyn Street by increasing the traffic flow toward Grove Street through the narrow section of roadway which passes between the Amerbelle facilities. Kleinhans also stated that the one way designation would impede snow removal due to incline of roadway and vehicle parked on the street.

Ray Walker expressed concerns that the one way designation would adversely impact Fire and Ems response times to the surrounding neighborhoods as emergency vehicles would have to drive around the area.

Charlie Bettinger stated that he believed we would be creating an unsafe situation for the elderly residents.

Motion was made to not support the change to a one way section made by Charlie Bettinger, seconded by Jon Paul Roden. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

None

New Business: None

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:19 P.M. by Charlie Bettinger and seconded by Ray Walker. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman, Vernon Traffic Authority

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